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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1921 – “*Securing Access to Water through Institutional Development and Infrastructure*” – Democratic Economic Governance- Thematic Window

## **I. Approval Status**

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme “*Securing Access to Water through Institutional Development and Infrastructure*” a no cost extension of six (6) months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 31 May 2013. Please note that this is a one-time only extension intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete its activities and achieve its expected results. At this end date, the programme should be operationally closed, so that no new financial commitments are made, only outstanding payments. Any unspent funds within the agreed timeframe (31 May 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

## **II. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the following aspects are taken into account:

- Please allow enough time to conduct the final evaluation of the programme prior to the operational closure of the JP.
- As per the improvement plan, continue efforts to clarify the mandate of the MMBs.
- Ensure qualitative capacity building and training assessments are conducted.
- Continue awareness raising activities among population

## **III. Monitoring and Reporting**

Quarterly color-coded annual work plans, and biannual monitoring reports should continue to be prepared and submitted to the MDG-F Secretariat. Please be reminded that each Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the programme and sharing the final report with the MDG-F Secretariat.

We would highly appreciate it if you could forward this memo to all participating UN agencies to the joint programme, and each participating UN agency should forward the memo to their corresponding HQs. Further information on the closure of programmes is available on the revised “MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines” uploaded on the MDG-F website ([www.mdgfund.org](http://www.mdgfund.org)).

With best wishes.

cc.:

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